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FOREIGN LOANS FOR THE WELFARE SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foreign loans received for welfare schemes in the country are not utilized properly;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of complaints received during the last three years in this regard; and

(d) the number of States which have not spent the funds received from the Union Government for the schemes during the said period ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE (SHRI ANANT G. GEETE)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Ministry of Finance has not received any complaint regarding loans received for welfare schemes not being utilized properly.

(d) External assistance received by Government of India is released to the States as Additional Central Assistance on a reimbursement basis. Further, foreign aid is largely project-tied and therefore, utilisation of the sanctioned aid for any project is spread over the project implementation period. As a result, there would be some unutilised amount at any point of time, reflecting the assistance in pipeline, which will be used as project implementation takes place.